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out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information. In this image data distribution system, the distribution managing element sends all the distribution destination group names to a digital combination unit when a request for registration with a group is received from input manipulation element provided in the digital combination unit and registers the digital combination unit with a specified distribution destination group when the distribution destination group is specified by the digital combination unit.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 12 as follows

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1. (Amended) An image data distribution system wherein an image server has information on destination group formed of members selected from among a plurality of image communication apparatuses, and the information are memorized on a storage memory, and wherein the image data will be sent out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information, said system comprising:

input manipulation means, provided in each image communication apparatus, which can request the image server to make a registration with a group and can specify one of all the destination group names sent back from the image server, and

distribution managing means, provided on the side of the image server, which sends to the image communication apparatus all the distribution destination group names according to the request for group registration from the image communication apparatus and which, when a distribution destination group is specified by the image communication apparatus, registers the image communication apparatus with the specified distribution destination group.

12. (Amended) An image data distribution method wherein an image server has information on destination group formed of members selected from among a plurality of image communication apparatuses, and the information are memorized on a storage memory, and wherein the image data will be sent out to the respective members of the destination group specified by the destination information, said method comprising:

sending all the destination group names to said image communication apparatus when a request for registration with group is made from an input manipulation means provided in the image communication apparatus, and

registering said image communication apparatus with specified distribution destination group when the distribution destination group is specified by said image communication apparatus.